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For: PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE FOR
RARE EXPRESSED GENES AND ANALYZING METHOD USING
THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application without
prejudice as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute
for pending claims 22 and 23 the following rewritten versions
of claims 22 and 23 as amended. The changes made are shown
explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show
Changes Made."

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22. (Amended) A method for the preparation of an RNA
sample including rare expressed genes, comprising the steps
of: